

Section I. Amendments to Claims

Please add new claims 41-79 as set forth below in the listing of claims 1-79 of the application.

1. **(Original)** An FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising a modular docking unit having a main body portion with a docking cavity therein, with retention means for retaining the MP3 player in position in the cavity, wherein the main body portion contains said FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, with coupling means in the docking cavity for connecting the MP3 player with the FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, to accommodate FM transmission by said FM transmitter of audio content when played by said MP3 player in the docking cavity of the modular docking unit, and with means for transmitting electrical power through said modular docking unit and said power/charging circuitry therein, for charging of a battery of the MP3 player and/or powering of the MP3 player.
2. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the coupling means in the docking cavity comprises a firewire coupling.
3. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the modular docking unit comprises at least one indicator light indicative of the operational state of the unit.
4. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 3, wherein the indicator light indicates the “ON” or “OFF” state of the unit.
5. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 3, wherein the indicator light indicates the charging status of a battery in an MP3 player docked in the cavity of the modular docking unit.

6. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the modular docking unit comprises a housing formed of polymeric material.

7. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the FM transmitter has a transmission range of up to about 6 feet.

8. **(Currently amended)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the FM transmitter produces an output frequency audio signal in a range of from about 85 to about 95 ~~Megahertz~~ Megahertz.

9. **(Currently amended)** The assembly of claim [[8]]1, wherein said FM transmitter produces a single output frequency signal ~~in said range~~.

10. **(Currently amended)** The assembly of claim [[8]]1, wherein said FM transmitter produces a variable output frequency signal ~~in said range~~.

11. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, which is constructed and arranged to dock with an iPODTM MP3 player.

12. **(Original)** A sound system including an FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly as in claim 1, and an MP3 player docked in the docking cavity of the modular docking unit of said assembly.

13. **(Original)** The sound system of claim 12, wherein the MP3 player comprises an iPODTM MP3 player.

14. **(Original)** The sound system of claim 12, arranged for transmission of music to a table-type FM receiver.

15. **(Original)** The sound system of claim 12, arranged for transmission of music to a vehicular FM receiver for outputting of sound from vehicular audio speakers.

16. **(Original)** The sound system of claim 12, wherein the MP3 player includes a firewire port.

17. **(Original)** The sound system of claim 12, wherein the FM transmitter has a transmission range of up to about 6 feet.

18. **(Currently amended)** The sound system of claim 12, wherein the FM transmitter produces an output frequency audio signal in a range of from about 85 to about 95 ~~Megahertz~~ Megahertz.

19. **(Currently amended)** The sound system of claim 12, wherein the FM transmitter produces an output variable frequency audio signal ~~in a range of from about 85 to about 95 Megahertz~~.

20. **(Original)** An MP3 player accessory kit, comprising an FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly as in claim 1, and at least one power adaptor/charger for said FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly.

21. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the retention means comprise side rails on said main body portion, bounding said cavity.

22. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 21, wherein the retention means further comprise lateral tabs extending inwardly from said side rails.

23. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the retention means comprise a retractable shelf member mounted on said main body portion.

24. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 23, wherein the retractable shelf member is arranged for manual actuation by a digit of a user.

25. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 23, wherein the retractable shelf member is positioned at a first end of the cavity and said coupling means are positioned in the cavity at a second opposite end of the cavity.

26. **(Currently amended)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein said coupling means comprise a dock connector that is matingly engagable with a connector of the MP3 player adapted for coupling with ~~either a firewire port or a USB port~~ any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

27. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a frequency indicator on the main body portion.

28. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a frequency tuning control on the main body portion.

29. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, wherein the main body portion has a generally rectangular shape.

30. **(Original)** The assembly of claim 1, further comprising a headphones jack on the main body portion and coupled to said circuitry.

31. (Currently amended) ~~An FM A radio frequency~~ transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising:

a main body portion defining a cavity for receiving the MP3 player, and having an associated ~~containing~~ FM radio frequency transmitter and power/charging circuitry;

coupling means disposed in the cavity for connecting the MP3 player with the ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmitter and power/charging circuitry when the MP3 player is received by the cavity, to accommodate ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmission by said ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmitter of audio content when played by said MP3 player; and

means for transmitting electrical power through said power/charging circuitry and said coupling means, for charging of a battery of the MP3 player and/or powering of the MP3 player.

32. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmitter produces an output frequency audio signal in a range of from about 85 to about 95 Megahertz Megahertz.

33. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmitter produces a single frequency modulated output frequency signal ~~in said range~~.

34. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the ~~[[FM]] radio frequency~~ transmitter produces a variable output frequency signal ~~in said range~~.

35. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the means for transmitting electrical power through said power/charging circuitry, and said coupling means~~[[,]]~~ comprises a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

36. (Currently amended) An FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising an FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, [[and]] a docking unit ~~with~~ defining a docking cavity therein for receiving an MP3 player, and an electrical coupling disposed in the docking cavity and electrically coupleable with the MP3 player when the MP3 player is received by the docking cavity, wherein the docking unit is constructed and arranged for connecting the MP3 player with said FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, to accommodate FM transmission by said FM transmitter of audio content when played by said MP3 player in the docking cavity of the docking unit, and with means for transmitting electrical power through said power/charging circuitry, for charging of a battery of the MP3 player and/or powering of the MP3 player.

37. (Currently amended) An FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising an FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, [[and]] a docking unit ~~with~~ defining a docking cavity therein for receiving an MP3 player, and an electrical coupling disposed in the docking cavity and electrically coupleable with the MP3 player when the MP3 player is received by the docking cavity, wherein the docking unit is constructed and arranged for connecting the MP3 player with said FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry, to accommodate FM transmission by said FM transmitter of audio content when played by said MP3 player in the docking cavity of the docking unit, and with means for transmitting electrical power through said power/charging circuitry, for charging of a battery of the MP3 player and/or powering of the MP3 player.

38. (Currently amended) An FM transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising:

a body adapted to receive the MP3 player;

an electrical coupling affixed to the body to engage the MP3 player when the MP3 player is received by the body;

an FM transmitter connectable with said MP3 player for FM transmission of audio content played by said MP3 player; and

power/charging circuitry connectable with said MP3 player for transmission of electrical power therethrough to charge and/or power the MP3 player.

39. (Currently amended) A docking and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising:

structure defining a docking cavity for receipt therein of an MP3 player; [[and]]

at least one coupling disposed in the docking cavity and adapted to engage the MP3 player when the MP3 player is received by the docking cavity;

at least one power/charging circuit element connectable with said MP3 player via the at least one coupling for transmission of electrical power therethrough to charge and/or power the MP3 player; and

an adjustable mounting element affixed to a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle and adapted to maintain the MP3 player in any of a plurality of spatial positions, the plug connector being in electrical communication with the at least one power/charging circuit element.

40. (Currently amended) An audio transmitter and power supply/charging assembly electrically coupleable with an MP3 player, said assembly comprising:

a cavity-defining body structure adapted to receive at least a portion of the MP3 player, the body having at least one associated electrical connector adapted to engage the MP3 player when the MP3 player is received by the body structure;

an audio transmitter connectable with said MP3 player via the electrical connector for transmitting and adapted to transmit audio content played by said MP3 player to a separate audio player that is independent of said MP3 player; and

at least one power/charging circuitry circuit element connectable with said MP3 player ~~for transmission via the at least one electrical connector and adapted to transmit of~~ electrical power therethrough to charge and/or power the MP3 player.

41. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the main body portion includes a housing comprising a plurality of parts.

42. (New) The assembly of claim 41, wherein the at least two parts of the plurality of parts are removably coupled together.

43. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein any of the FM transmitter and power/charging circuitry is disposed entirely within the main body portion.

44. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting electrical power comprises a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

45. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the power/charging circuitry comprises at least one conductive electrical circuit element.

46. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the at least one electrical circuit element comprises any of an electrical contact and a power cord.

47. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the power/charging circuitry is adapted to power and/or charge the MP3 player.

48. (New) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising an adjustable mounting element adapted to maintain the docking assembly in any of a plurality of spatial positions, wherein the mounting element is affixed to a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

49. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

50. (New) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

51. (New) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the main body portion comprises a plurality of parts.

52. (New) The assembly of claim 51, wherein at least two parts of the plurality of parts are removably coupled together.

53. (New) The assembly of claim 31, wherein any of the radio frequency transmitter and power/charging circuitry is disposed entirely within the main body portion.

54. (New) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the power/charging circuitry comprises at least one conductive electrical circuit element.

55. (New) The assembly of claim 31, further comprising an adjustable mounting element adapted to maintain the main body portion in any of a plurality of spatial positions, wherein the mounting element is affixed to a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

56. (New) The assembly of claim 31 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

57. (New) The assembly of claim 31 wherein the radio frequency transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

58. (New) The assembly of claim 31 wherein the coupling means comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

59. (New) The assembly of claim 36, wherein the means for transmitting electrical power comprises a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

60. (New) The assembly of claim 36, wherein the means for transmitting electrical power comprises an AC charger.

61. (New) The assembly of claim 36, wherein the power/charging circuitry comprises at least one conductive electrical circuit element.

62. (New) The assembly of claim 61, wherein the at least one electrical circuit element comprises any of an electrical contact and a power cord.

63. (New) The assembly of claim 36, further comprising an adjustable mounting element adapted to maintain the docking unit in any of a plurality of spatial positions, wherein the mounting element is affixed to a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

64. (New) The assembly of claim 36 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

65. (New) The assembly of claim 36 wherein the FM transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

66. (New) The assembly of claim 36 wherein the electrical coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

67. (New) The assembly of claim 37, further comprising an electrical coupling disposed in the docking cavity and electrically coupleable with the MP3 player.

68. (New) The assembly of claim 67 wherein each of the FM transmitter and the at least one power/charging circuit element is in electrical communication with the electrical coupling.

69. (New) The assembly of claim 37 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

70. (New) The assembly of claim 37 wherein the FM transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

71. (New) The assembly of claim 37 wherein the electrical coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

72. (New) The assembly of claim 38, further comprising an adjustable mounting element adapted to maintain the MP3 player in any of a plurality of spatial positions, wherein the adjustable mounting element is affixed to a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle.

73. (New) The assembly of claim 38 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

74. (New) The assembly of claim 38 wherein the FM transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

75. (New) The assembly of claim 38 wherein the electrical coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

76. (New) The assembly of claim 39, further comprising a radio frequency transmitter connectable with the MP3 player via the at least one coupling and adapted to transmit media content played by the MP3 player to an external receiving device.

77. (New) The assembly of claim 76 wherein the FM transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

78. (New) The assembly of claim 39 wherein the at least one coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

79. (New) The assembly of claim 39 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

80. (New) The assembly of claim 40, further comprising a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle, and an adjustable mounting element affixed to the plug connector, wherein the adjustable mounting element is adapted to maintain the docking assembly in any of a plurality of spatial positions.

81. (New) The assembly of claim 40 wherein the audio transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

82. (New) The assembly of claim 40 wherein the electrical connector comprises any of a firewire connector and a USB connector.

83. (New) The assembly of claim 40 wherein the MP3 player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

84. (New) A docking assembly electrically coupleable with a portable digital media player having a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files, the assembly comprising:

- a body defining a docking cavity sized and shaped to receive at least a portion of the portable digital media player;
- at least one electrical coupling disposed in the cavity and adapted to engage the portable digital media player when the player is received by the body;
- at least one electrical circuit element adapted to conduct power from an external power source to the at least one electrical coupling; and
- a transmitter connectable with the portable digital media player via the at least one electrical coupling and adapted to wirelessly transmit media content from the portable digital media player to an external receiving device.

85. (New) The assembly of claim 84 wherein the body comprises a plurality of parts.

86. (New) The assembly of claim 85 wherein the plurality of parts comprises at least two parts that are removably coupled together.

87. (New) The assembly of claim 84 wherein the body includes a retention element adapted to retain the portable digital media player in position.

88. (New) The assembly of claim 87 wherein the retention member is selectively disengageable.

89. (New) The assembly of claim 84 wherein the at least one electrical coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling.

90. (New) The assembly of claim 84, further comprising a plug connector engageable with a cigarette lighter socket of a motor vehicle, and an adjustable mounting element affixed to the plug connector, wherein the adjustable mounting element is adapted to maintain the docking assembly in any of a plurality of spatial positions.

91. (New) The assembly of claim 84 wherein the transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly further comprises a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency.

92. (New) A method for broadcasting signals from a portable digital media player to an external receiving device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a docking assembly comprising a cavity-defining body adapted to receive the portable digital media player, a transmitter adapted to transmit media content from the portable digital media player to the external receiving device, an electrical coupling disposed in the cavity and adapted to engage the portable digital media player when the portable digital media player is received by the body, and at least one electrical circuit element to conduct power from an external power source to the electrical coupling;

inserting at least a portion of the portable digital media player into the cavity, wherein the electrical coupling engages the portable digital media player during the inserting step; and

wirelessly transmitting a signal containing media content played by the portable digital media player to the external receiving device.

93. (New) The method of claim 92, further comprising the step of conducting power from the electrical power source through the electrical coupling to the portable digital media player to power and/or charge the portable digital media player.

94. (New) The method of claim 92 wherein the portable digital media player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

95. (New) The method of claim 92 wherein the digital media files comprise MP3 format digital media files.

96. (New) The method of claim 92 wherein the transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly has a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency, the method further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired transmission frequency of the transmitter; and
selecting a reception frequency of the external receiving device corresponding to the transmission frequency of the transmitter.

97. (New) The method of claim 92 wherein the electrical coupling comprises any of a firewire coupling and a USB coupling, the method further comprising the step of transferring a media signal from the portable digital audio player to the docking assembly through the firewire coupling and/or USB coupling.

98. (New) A method for broadcasting signals from a portable digital media player to an external receiving device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a docking assembly comprising a body adapted to retain the portable digital media player, a transmitter adapted to transmit audio content from the portable

digital media player to the external receiving device, an electrical coupling disposed in or on the body and adapted to engage the portable digital media player when the player is received by the body, and at least one electrical circuit element to conduct power from an external power source to the electrical coupling;

operatively coupling the portable digital media player and the docking assembly in a single step of depressing at least a portion of the portable digital media player into or against the body to simultaneously engage the electrical coupling; and

wirelessly transmitting a signal containing media content played by the portable digital media player to the external receiving device.

99. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of conducting power from the electrical power source through the electrical coupling to the portable digital media player to power and/or charge the portable digital media player.

100. (New) The method of claim 98 wherein the portable digital media player comprises a storage medium adapted to receive and store digital media files.

101. (New) The method of claim 98 wherein the digital media files comprise MP3 format digital media files.

102. (New) The method of claim 98 wherein the transmitter has selectively adjustable digital frequency tuning and the assembly has a digital frequency indicator display for displaying the transmission frequency, the method further comprising the steps of:

selecting a desired transmission frequency of the transmitter; and

selecting a reception frequency of the external receiving device corresponding to the transmission frequency of the transmitter.